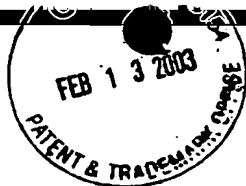


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated October 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

*Charles C. Smith, Jr.*  
*10/16/02*